

## **CLAIMS**

### **What is claimed is:**

1. A method of permitting controlled access to medical information comprising:  
establishing a storage means for containing medical information;  
establishing a means for accessing the medical information; and  
controlling the means for accessing the medical information according to a type of entity accessing the medical information, wherein access is limited according to the type of entity.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the storage means is a central repository.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the means for accessing the medical information is controlled using a universally unique identifier.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein said controlling step is overridden by a registered emergency provider.
5. The method of claim 1, said controlling step further comprising notifying a patient that their medical information has been accessed.
6. A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:  
establishing a storage means for containing medical information;  
establishing a means for accessing the medical information; and  
controlling the means for accessing the medical information according to a type of entity accessing the medical information, wherein access is limited according to the type of entity.

7. The machine-readable storage of claim 6, wherein the storage means is a central repository.
8. The machine-readable storage of claim 6, wherein the means for accessing the medical information is controlled using a universally unique identifier.
9. The machine-readable storage of claim 6, wherein said controlling step is overridden by a registered emergency provider.
10. The machine-readable storage of claim 6, said controlling step further comprising notifying a patient that their medical information has been accessed.
11. A system for permitting controlled access to medical information comprising:
  - storage means for containing medical information;
  - means for accessing the medical information; and
  - means for controlling said means for accessing the medical information according to a type of entity accessing the medical information, wherein access is limited according to the type of entity.
12. The system of claim 11, wherein the storage means is a central repository.
13. The system of claim 11, wherein the means for controlling the means for accessing the medical information comprises a unique identifier.
14. The system of claim 11, wherein said means for controlling the access of the medical information may be overridden by registered emergency providers.

15. The system of claim 11, wherein said means for controlling the access of the medical information further includes means for notifying a patient that their medical information has been accessed.